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SUBJECT: UNESCO INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE ON COMMUNICATION
POLICIES IN LATAM AND THE CARIBBEAN, SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

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1. VENEZUELA HAS MOVED TO BEEF UP ITS DELEGATION TO THE SAN JOSE
UNESCO COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE WITHIN THE LAST TWO DAYS.
MINISTER OF INFORMATION GUIDO GROOSCORS HAS NAMED GUILLERMO
TELL TRONCONIS, NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF THE OFICINA CENTRAL
DE INFORMACION (OCI), AND CLEMENT COHEN, DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN
INFORMATION OF OCI, TO THE VENEZUELAN DELEGATION.

2. TELL TRONCONIS RECENTLY RESIGNED AS MANAGING EDITOR OF EL
NACIONAL, AND AS A LEADER GRANTEE IN MARCH, HE COVERED THE U.S.
PRIMARIES. HE DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH. HE HAS BEEN GENERALLY
FRIENDLY TO THE U.S. IN THE PAST.

3. COHEN IS A NATURALIZED VENEZUELAN, BORN IN BROOKLY, WHO
HAS BEEN USIS' BEST CONTACT IN OCI. HE IS CLOSE TO GROOSCORS

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AND HAS CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE. HE IS BILINGUAL AND FRIENDLY TO

THE U.S. AT THE SAME TIME, HE STRONGLY SUPPORTS PRESIDENT CARLOS
ANDRES PEREZ, FOR WHOM HE WORKED DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN, AND
IS SENSITIVE TO CRITICISM OF GOV POLICIES. WE RECOMMEND U.S.
OBSERVERS MAKE EARLY CONTACT WITH COHEN.
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